

<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/899,874	SHAHINPOOR ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Tai Van Nguyen	3729	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Dennis F. Armijo, Applicants. (3) Tai Van Nguyen, Examiner.  
 (2) Carl J. Arbes, Primary Examiner. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 04 April 2005.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Identification of prior art discussed: None.

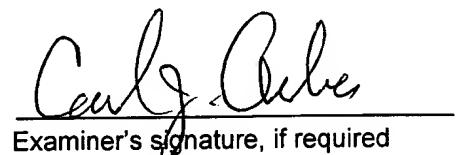
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants noticed that the Notice of Allowability mailed on 11/10/2004 have been typographical error the title. Therefore it was deemed necessary and ordered that the Patent Office issue the accompanying supplemental Notice of Allowance.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Examiner's signature, if required

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dennis F. Armijo on 4 April 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **Specification:**

The title has been replaced: -- A METHOD OF FABRICATING A DRY ELECTRO-ACTIVE POLYMERIC SYNTHETIC MUSCLE --.

#### **In the claims:**

Claims 13-20 have been cancelled.

#### **Reason for allowance:**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach all of the limitations of the claimed method of fabricating a dry electro-active polymeric synthetic including.

- a) providing a polyelectrolyte material';
- b) mixing the polyelectrolyte material with a conductive material; and
- c) affixing at least two electrodes to the mixed polyelectrolyte material and conductive material.

Accordingly, claims 1-12 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tai Van Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4567. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 A.M - 4:30 P.M).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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